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Subject: "Reconciliation" hearings in Hawaii - December 10 and 11, 1999

Dear Secretary Berry,

You have received written testimony from Donna and Jack Scaff and Puanani and Bill Burgess. Their testimony represents my feelings as a native born citizen of Hawaii when it was a territory. I represent the third of 5 generations of Hawaiian and US citizens with residence here.

I cannot believe that the actions of the 1970's, 80's and 90's have so promoted racism in Hawaii and the US. We all suffer from the elitism of racial exclusion. The so called "apology" of 1993 has virtually destroyed civility and Aloha in Hawaii. The efforts of our government has been promoted by the most despicable racism as exemplified by the recent activist out burst of Mililani Trask.

The movement of Hawaiian elitism has and continues to promote racism at its ugliest. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has deprived the general taxpayer of needed funds for the education of the children of Hawaii. The moneys forwarded by the US government should be used to support the education, health and welfare of all the citizens of Hawaii, not a racially selected segment of our society.

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